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In issues for every such returne he shal for-  
sept xx. s. 8. Edwardi. 4. cap. 2.

The old Shiriffe shal haue power to re-  
turne wytes, and to execute his offyce du-  
ryng the term of. S. Michael and Hillary  
after the pere of his sayd office expired un-  
les he be lawfully discharged thereof be-  
fore 15. Edw. 4. cap. 11.

No Shiriffe nor other officer shal lease  
or take the goodes of any person beyng ar-  
rested or imprisoned for felony until the  
same person be duly conuict or attainted  
of the same felony by course of the comon  
lawes; or except the same goods be other-  
wise lawfully forsaite vpon paine to for-  
saite the whole value of the goods so take  
to the party grieved suing therfore by ac-  
tion of det. wherein no wager of law essoin  
nor protection shal be allowed 1. Ric. 3. cap

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No bailiffe or other officer in any panel  
within any county of this Realm, shal re-  
turne any person to be put in or vpon any  
Inquyre, in the turnes of Shirifs, but suche  
as be of good name & fame hauing frehold  
to the perelpe value of xx. s. or copyholde  
to the perelpe value of 26. s. 8. v at the leaste  
aboue al charges vpon pain to lese for every

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person not being sufficient, at every time that they shall offend p.l.s. and the Shy-  
rif other p.l.s. wherof the one moiety shall be  
to the party suing, therefore by action of  
det, in which sute no protection nor essoynt  
shall be allowed. But wager of law is not  
expressed, and for that cause it becometh to  
make information therof to the Eschequer.  
Primo Ricardi. 3. cap. 4.

Shyriifs or other havinge the custodie  
of Tayles shall certify the names of every  
prisonner being in their custody, & of them  
committed for felony unto their Justicers  
at the next generall Tayle delivery to bee  
kalendred, upon payne to forsaite for every  
tyme that they make default in so doyng  
C. s. 3 Hen. 7. cap 5.

Also the Shyrif nor any other person in  
his name or by his comendement shall  
entre no playntes into their bookes in no  
mans name unlesse the playntife be there  
in his proper person or els by sufficient at-  
turney or deputye that is known of good  
name, & the plaintife shall fynde pleadges,  
persons, & be known in that Countye too  
pursue his playnt, and the playntife shall  
have but one plaint for one trespassse or one  
contract. And if the Shyrif or any other his  
officers



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pon his default, and so to bee doubled at e-  
very distresse til appearance be had.

Shiriffs that haue custody of Halls shal  
make seales to be grauen with the name  
of the Castell that he keepeth for to geue  
and seale writs to prisoners acquyted, to  
beg for their fees within the tyme wher  
he is deliuered by sixe weekes nexte after  
his deliuerpe and then to goe to the hun-  
dred wher he laste dwelled by iii. year or  
wher he was bozne. The shirif shal not  
suffer any such prisoner to beg for his fees  
nor to departe, but to doe seruice and la-  
boure til that hee deliuer suche letter and  
the Clarke of the peace to make the writs  
within one daye after the Sessions vppon  
payne of xii. d. to the kynge. An 22 Hen 8.  
Cap. 12.

For dystroyinge of Crows, Rookes, &  
Thoughes, it is ordayned that euery pe-  
son hauing any maners, lands & tenementes  
in their manurance, shal do as muche as in  
him is reasonabyl to kill & dystroy the same  
Crows, and Thoughes, & Rookes breed-  
dyng or abydyng vpon his landes or tene-  
mentes vppon paine of a greuous amercia-  
ment to be set. And if the offence be with-  
in the limittes of Leetes or courte barons  
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officers shalbe thought reasonable þ they  
from henceforth shal not be anye unlaw-  
ful game. 6. Hen. octa. cap. secundo.

¶ If any impotent person beg within any  
other place then within such liberties as  
he shall be assigned, the Shireffe and al o-  
ther of the Kynge's officers shall by their  
discretion punishe such persons by impy-  
sonment in the stocks, by the space of twoo  
daies and two nightes giving them bread  
and water onely, & after that cause them  
to be swozne to retorne again to the place  
where they be licensed to beg. An. 22 Hen  
8 cap: duodecimo.

¶ The Justices of peace upon informati-  
on presentment made agaynst any towne-  
ship for non executinge of this acte, shall  
make proces by distress against the inhabi-  
tantes of the town, and thereby the Shereif  
shall distrayne the goods of one or two of  
the inhabitantes of the towne as he maye  
know for negligent in the towne & retayne  
the distresse till they find surety to appear  
at the Sessions befor the Justices.

¶ And upon the return of the Shieriffe of  
the distress if the person apere not the eue-  
ry such person to lose xl. d. at þ first distress,  
and at the seconde distresse vi. s. bill. p. up-  
pon



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officers cause to be entered any more plain-  
tes then the playniffe supposech that hee  
hath cause of Action against the defendat,  
then the Sherrif or his Clarke that doth  
cause to be entered any such playntes con-  
trary to this act, shal forsaye for every de-  
fault .xl.s. the one halfe to him that  
sue and proue the same matter by acti-  
on or information.

Also the Sherrife shal make sufficiente  
apprecept after such playntes entered agaynst  
the defendaunt directed to the Bayliffe of  
the hundred to attach or warne the defen-  
dant to appeare and answer to the sayde  
playntes, and there be any defaulte in the  
sayd Bayliffe of the hundred in warninge  
or executinge of the offices, then to for-  
saye .xl. shillings and to be convicted therof  
by examinaciō of the Iustices of the peace  
or any of them.

The same Sherrifes nor their depuities  
shall make none estates to levy the Shy-  
rles amercentmentes till the ii. Iustices of  
the prace, whereof one to bee of Quorum  
hane the sight of their booke, & the esta-  
tes to be endorsed betwixte the Iusticers  
of peace & the Sherrif and under Sherriffe,  
sealed with their seals the one parte to re-

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main with the sayde Justicers, and the o-  
ther part with the Shirif.

And those persons which shal be gather-  
ers of the said amerciamēts shal be sworn  
by the sayd Justicers y they take no more  
money then is forsayt and contained in the  
estreats sealed with the scale of the Ju-  
sticers to the same, vpon the same paine of  
forfayture as is aboue reherfed: the same  
gatherers to be conuyt by examination of  
the same Justices oz one of theim. And the  
same Justicers of peace shal be appoynted  
at y sessions holdē at Wichelmas by him  
that is custos Rotu'orum, oz in his absēte  
by the eldest of the Quorum to haue the co-  
ntrolement of the said shiriffs undershiriffs  
shire Clarkes and other of the sayde offy-  
cers, and of the sayd shiriffs amerciamen-  
tes. And the sayd Justicers of peace vpon  
suggestion shal make proces againste the  
Shiriffe, undershiriffe, shire clarks, oz o-  
ther officers to appere before them to an-  
swer to such suggestion, oz information as  
is vsed in action of trespass. An. secundo.  
Hen. 6. cap: 15.

And every shiriffe shal cause to be taken  
all vagabondes, iole people, and suspecte  
personnes, and sette theym in the stocks,  
there



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of proclamation are to be awarded the same wyse of Proclamation to haue the same day of returne that the exigent hath, and to be deliuered of record, & the Shyriffe to make proclamation thre seuerall dayes in his playn countye, wherof one of the proclamations to be made at the general sessions in those parties where the party is supposed to be dwelling, that he yelde himself to the Shyriff of the forrein shire & the Shyriff may haue the bodye at the day of the exigent returnable to answer to the plaints and & the Shyriff of the sayd countye & hath such wylts of proclamation duly execute & same, and therof make due returne at the day appoynted in the wyse, vpon payne to forsaye such amercedments by the Justices as shalbe assessed.

Shiriffs, Bayliffes, Constables and al other bed officers and euer of them, sinninge or knowing any person sinninge or exercising any vnlawful game contrarie to the Statute, haue ful power to commit & mery such offenders to ward there to remaine woutt bayle or mainpryse, till such tyme as they so offending be bound by obligation to the kinges vse in such sums of money as by discretion of the sayd Shyriffs or other officers

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rise vpon his precept made vnto theym in a speciall writ of Assise. vi. dayes beefore the day of the sessions, vpon payne to forsake xl. l'. for every tyme that they shall do þ contrary. 6. Hen. 6. Cap. 2.

Where a Precept is made to the Sherrife by Justicers of the peace, to retorne a panell to inquire of forcible entre, and hee sendeth his precept to þ bailif of the liberty to retorne the panell because þ riot was done wythin the liberty, now is the Bailif bounden to make due return and execution of the precepts to him directed vpon payne of. xx. l'. for every default. And the Statute wil that the Sherriffe shal retorne xx. s. in issues vpon every Turour at þ first day, & that every Turour which shal passe in the inquiry shal spende. xl. s. yearelye whereby it seemeth þ baylifs of liberties are bounden to do likewise, if so many of the sayde Turours be wythin his liberty for els he is not. 8. Hen. 6. Cap. 9.

Baylifs of liberties in attaynts vpon plea of land of the yearely value of. xl. s. or moze nor in attaints for dreddes concerning lands of like value, nor in attaints vpon personal actions wherein the recovery extendeth vnto. xl. l'. or moze shal not retourne



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the Kinges Subiects, but not of assaultes made vppon any priuate person for that is but a percculer offence, by Martin. 4. Henrici sexti.

The Shirif must keepe his tourn within a moneth after Easter, & within a moneth after the feast of S. Michaell. And if he keepe it at any time after the month of the sayd feast it is voide by the statute of An. 31. E. 3. cap. 19. And al inditements and presentmentes there taken after the same time be voide.

Whoubes hal be enquired of in þe shirifes turne, because it is an article that is to be inquired of in a Leet. All leets be deriued and taken out of the Shirifs turnes in so much that for defaulte of enquiry in leets of things enquirable there, the same thinges there omitted ought to be inquired of, in the turnes of shirifs. 8. E. 4.

And all the Justicers sayd that the shirife in his turn hath authoritey to inquire of al thinges that be trespasse, or felony by the comon law (except þe death of a man) but of trespasse or felony made by statute the Shirif in his turne hath no power to enquire of. M. 28. Edward. 3.

And if the Shirife in his turne inquire

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of Nufcanes, that shoulde bee inquired o.  
in the leet of an other & the same be found  
yet maye he not disteine for the amercia-  
ment of such a pzelement. For if he do:  
he is trespassour. But if there were a de-  
fault in the Lord of the leet that he would  
not inquire or finde y<sup>e</sup> same whē hee ought  
to haue inquired thereof, in this case it  
seemeth y<sup>e</sup> the Shriffe in his turn may en-  
quire of it in default of the Lord. D. 28.  
E. 3. And if one haue a faire or market by  
graūt or pzecriptiō, & keepe not his faire  
or market as he ought: the Shriff ought to  
inquire thereof in his turn. 22. Hen. 6.

Upon pzelement of Nufance in the  
Shriffes turne, the party shall be amerced  
there by the Shriffe, which may be payed  
for the amerciamēt. And if pzeoffoure  
be pzeented there the Shriffe may abate  
the same, and reforme it. P. 27. E. 3.

Also it appeereth by the booke of Bretō  
that vnto the turn of the Shriffe ought to  
come al the freeholders of the hūdzes and  
other lande, tenaunts (Clarks, men of re-  
ligion and women onely excepted) where  
at the Shriff shal cause. iij. of the most sage  
and sufficiēt persons of the hundred to be  
sworne. And then shall all the residue bee  
sworne



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Shyryffe ought to do their office according to the statute made. 13. H. 4. And if they do not, at the suite of the party grieved at commission shall go forth to inquire thereof and of the default of þe Justicers & the Shyryf, & the Coroner shal serue the procelle and he must return persons þe haue lande to the perely value of x. li. and shal return also. xx. s. in issues at the firste daye and xl. s. at the seconde, and at the thirde a C. shillings, and so double it at every day after. And if default be in the coroner in returning the issues, or of persons of such land he shall lese. xl. pound. And if the olde Shyryf be discharged, the new Shyryf shall serue the procelle, and not the Coroner vpon paine of xl. li. if the default be founde in him, touching the returne of other persons by him impanelled which haue not landes to the perely value of x. li. or to returne such issues as the Coroners be charged with. And Bailiffes of liberties are bound for to impanel sufficient persons, as aboue is said vpon pain to lese. xl. l. in case that such persons may bee founde within his bailiwicke. 2. Hen. 5. Ca. 8.

Bailiffes of fraunchise ought to make their returnes, and answers vnto the Shyryffe.

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excessive according as by the distace of the places from whence victailes are caried they shal thinke reasonably to be required. And if any sell victailes in any other manner and thereof be conuict. he shal pay the double of that he hath receiued to the party Andamaged, or in his default to any other that will sue therefore. And maiors and Bailiffs of townes. &c. haue power to enquire of al such as offend against this ordinance in any poynt. And in case that the same Maiors and Bailiffs bee negligent in doinge execution of the premisses and thereupon be conuicted by the Justices assigned by vs they shalbe compelled by the same Justices to restore the triple value of the thing sould to the party greeued, or to any other that in his default wil sue & neuertheless shalbe greuously punished against vs. 24. Ed. 3. ca. 6.

No Steward, Bayliffe, nor other minister of Lordes of fraunchise which haue returne of Writs shalbe Atturney to any person in any matter win the same fraunchise or Bayliwicke where he is officer at any maner of time. 4. H. 4. ca. 19.

If any haynous riot be made, the Justices of the peace, and the Shyriffe or vnder Shyriffe



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Sworne by doctours & by the townes, which shall make their presentment to the firste xij. Jurours, vpon the Article wherewith they shalbe charged. And it seemeth y<sup>e</sup> the shiriffe ought to hold his tourne in euery hundred within the county.

¶ What thinges be enquirable in the Shyriffes turne.

**F**irst, they shall enquire if there bee any misdoer in the hundred of whom any standeth in doubt of Life, or Lynne, and what is his name.

Also they shall enquire of all mortall enemies to the king, the Quene, their children or counsellours, of counterfeiting the Kinges seale or his money, of mansleas & murderers, burners of others cozne or houses felonously, of Burglours, of robbers, of theeves, of outlawes of those that haue abjured the Realme & come agayne, of Sorserers, & VVitches, of miscreants Heretiks, of Traytours, and Poysoners, of cutters of purses, of Vsurers, of victaylers buying and sellinge wittingly stolne flesh, of them that wittingly wake whire the skins of beastes stolen, of redubbourers that wittingly buy stolen clothes & dresse them into another faction, of treasure hyd

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in the ground, hies and cries wrongfully  
or rightfully leuied & not pursed, of Wa-  
ters Stopped straightned or Tourned, of  
boundes pulled vp or wrongfully chaun-  
ged, of Wallles, houses, gates, marle pits,  
Ditches, or other disturbaunces made or  
leuied bypon any common way to the an-  
nuace of pety bythours & sheare Sheepe  
to haue the wull, of such as take thefbowt,  
& of those that haue made a pylis of their  
owne house or household, of pound breach,  
of trespassours in park & ponds, of takers  
of other mens Dooues, of & assise of bread  
and ale broken, of them that buy and sell  
by measure against the assise, of Chaunce  
medleyes, of conterhours, of bloudshed, of  
watches ynkept, of the kings high wayes  
not enlarged, of those & haue kepte appea-  
chers in any other prison then the kinges  
or any other felon aboue a day & a night,  
of new liberties, customes or iurisdiccions  
vsurped since & last tourn, on water, or on  
land, of wessles, of wrecks of the Sea founde  
and kept a way, of Brydges & causties bro-  
ken and who ought to repaire the, and of  
those that clayme Fraunchyses or indge-  
ments reale, & of all those of th' age of. xij  
yeres, gone out of the hundred, which be  
not



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Shyrriffes & Bayliffes of liberties in these liberties are bound to receiue seruantes and Labourers begginge and vagarante, and the to detain in prison without bayle, without takinge any fee or other thinge of them at theyr entringe or departinge by theselues or by their deputies vpon paine of a. C. s. to the king. 12. R. 2. Cap. 9.

Bailiffes of liberties to whom the keepinge of the assise of breade and Ale, & the correction of the same beelongeth, shall take no amerciament nor fyne for no default touchinge the sayd assise for which the offendour ought by y<sup>e</sup> lawe to haue corporall penance, but they shall Iudge them to the same penaunce. And Bayliffes of liberties and all other that haue the keepinge & oversight of vitails shal put in due execution the statute made in the. 23. yere of. Ed. the 3. which beginneth. Quia maior pars populi. &c. 14. R. 2. Cap. 8.

Butchers, Fishers, Hostellers, Bruers, Bakers, Pulters, and all other Sellers of Victayles, are bounden to Sell sutch manner of victayles at a reasonable price hauinge regarde to the price wherewith such victayles are solde in other places neare, so that they may haue a competent Gaine & noe excess.

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**all charges vpon payne of xx.li.**

**The Escheatores and commissioners** shalbe discharged by their othes, that they may not dispend xl. marke ouer all charges and that vpon proces made agaynst them out of the eschequer. The escheatores and commissioners shall sit in open places shal suffer euerye person to geue euidence openly in their presence to their inquest taken befoze them vpon payne of xx.li.

**The Jury** shal receiue the counterpain of the Indenture that shal be presented, indented and Sealed by the eschetour, commissioners, and to rest in the possession of the first man that was sworne in the same Jury vpon payn of euery person that shal bee sworne xx.s.

**And euery eschetour and Comissioner** after the Jury is sworne, & ready to giue thei? verdict and offer to present the same that the same Escheatores or commissioners or part of them shal receiue the same verdict without further delay vppon payne of a C.l. and deliuer the counterpayne of the same indenture to the Jury in fourme beforesayd vpon the same payne.

**And if the Clarke of the pety bagge or his deputye will not receiue suche offices,**  
and



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nation or bee excommunicate or outlawed or arrested vppon suretye of the peace and bagarantes that refuse to serue. And that the sayd Bayliffes shal not take anye obligation of any person nor by anye person being in their warde, by course of the law, for anye the causes aboue rehearsed but in the name of their office, and vppon the condicion that the same persons shal appere at the dayes contayned in the sayd wryttes, bylles or warantes, and in suche places as they requyre. And if any Bailiffe take any obligation in any other fourme, by coloure of his office it shalbe voyd, and that he shal take no more for the making of any such obligation, warrant or precept by them to be made but iii. s. And yf they doo contraye to this ordinance in any point, for so doyng they shal render to the partye greued his damages treble, & shal forfayt for euery tyme that they doo the contrary xl. li. the one half wherof shal be to him that wil sue in any of the kyngs courtes therfore. &c. 23. H. 6. cap 10.

Baylifs of libertyes ought not to lese the good of any person arrested or imprisoned for felony before that they shal be conuicte or atteymed of y same felony before. Acor-

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ding to the law oꝛ els that þ same goodes  
be othe wꝛse foꝛfayted vpon payne to foꝛ  
fayt the double value of the goods so takē,  
vnto the party indamaged, suing thereto  
by action of det, wherein no wager of lawe,  
essoyne, noꝛ protection shal in any wise be  
allowed to the defendant 1. Ric. 2. capit. 3.

Bayliffes of libertyes that be Tapers  
and haue the keeping of the Tayles shal cer  
tifye þ names of euery pꝛisonet in his Tails  
that is there foꝛ felony at the next general  
Tails deliuey, in euery countye oꝛ fran  
chise where such Tayl is to bee kalendꝛed,  
besoꝛe the Justicers of the same Tails deli  
uey, vpon pain to foꝛfayt foꝛ euery defaul  
there recorded. v li. 3 Hen. 8. cap. 3

All Bayliffs & other head officers and e  
uery of cheim, findinge oꝛ knowynge anye  
persō vsing oꝛ exercysing any vnlawful ga  
mes contrary to the statutes, haue power  
to commit euery suche offender to warde,  
and there to remayne in pꝛison, without  
bail oꝛ maynpꝛise, til such tyme as hee bee  
bounde by obligation insuch som as by dis  
cretiō of him that taketh the bond, semeth  
reasonable to the kynges hie that he shall  
play no moꝛe. An. 9. Hen. 8. cap. 2:



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on of det, where no wager of lawe esloynne  
oz protection shall lye. 22.E.4.cap.9.

No Shiriffe. Escheator, nor other person  
shal seise oz take the goods of any person  
arrested oz imprisoned for felony, before the  
same personne so arrested oz imprisoned  
be convicted oz attayned of the same felony,  
according to the law of Englands, oz that  
the same goods shalbe other wise forfeited,  
vpon payne to forsayte the double value of  
the goods taken to the party damaged, su-  
ing therfore by action of det where no wa-  
ger of lawe esloynne nor protection shall lye.  
An.1.Ri.cap.3.

If any Escheat oz commissioner put into  
any of the kynges courtes any inquisition  
oz offire concerning landes oz tenements,  
oz other hereditaments, not found nor pre-  
sented by the othes of xii. men and indetred  
and by them sealed, then to forsayt for eue-  
ry such offence returned and put vnto any  
of the kyngs courtes on .C. li. to the party  
grieved. A 3. Hen 7. cap. 2.

No Escheator nor other commissioner  
shal sit by veru of any commission to in-  
quire of landes and tenements except hee  
haue landes, oz tenements oz hereditam-  
ts to the perelpe value of xl. Markes over  
all

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must make accompt in the eschequer after this maner that is of lands and tenemēts whereof profit ariseth from time to time, throughout the yere as of mills, barbages, tolpleas, profits, of courtes, or such other issues and profits, they shal be bounden to answer the king for þe rate and value of þe time accordinge to the olde course of the Eschequer. And touching auncient fermes and rentes that are to be payd at certayn termes as rente seck, & rent service, wherof no profit ariseth untill the Day of payment, such rentes and fermes shalbe paid vnto them þe haue livery thereof out of the Kinges hand at the termes of payment of the sayd fermes & rentes next followynge such livery made, aswel for the times past as the time to come. 28. Ed. 3. Cap. 4.

The Kinge and his progenitors haue beene lesed at forsaicours of warres, time out of mynde that is aswell of landes and possessions as of goods and catels. And by coloure therof the escheators by their office haue leased many lands & tenements, as forsaites to the kynge surmising treason in some persons being dead at the time of the sealer, which neuer were attainted in their liues, the king hath ordained couchyng



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ching such forsaiteurs that fell in the ti-  
me of his graundfather & before þ so longe  
as an inquest thereof shalbe returned into  
the Chauncery by any Escheator or other  
that hath power to enquire thereof the te-  
nante shall not be put out of possession but  
shall bee warned by a Scire Facias, to ap-  
peare at a certain day for to answer unto  
þ same if he will, and if no such forsaiteur  
be found the kings hand shalbe closed so þ  
in all other cases of forsaiteurs of treason  
by personnes deceased nor attainted, nor  
iudged in their liues their heires nor land  
tenauntes shall not be chalenged nor im-  
peached of any other forsaiteurs but of  
those onely that haue ben iudged in time  
past afore the death of certain persons by  
presentment in ciety in the kyngs bench, as  
of felons of the kinge and other. And ther-  
fore it semeth that if on moue war against  
the King in his realme and is slain in the  
same then the Escheator may seise the lāds  
& tenements as forsaiteur of warre with-  
out any other inquiry to be made thereof.

Euery Escheator must take his in-  
questes of office of good and lawfull men,  
sufficient of inheritaunce & of good fame &  
of the same county where the inquiry shal  
bee

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be made. And the inquests shalbe indetted  
betwene the escheatores & the Jurours, and  
if it be otherwise don, they shalbe voyde  
& they shalbe taken in good townes openly.  
Traverse may be taken to the escheatores  
office, wherby any alienaciō or dynges sea-  
led or that the heire is within age, & the  
land holden of the king in chiefe is found.

Lands sealed unto the kings handes by  
reason of ward shalbe kept without waste.  
And the escheatores shall haue no fe of ve-  
nison, fische, nor other thinge, but shall an-  
swere the Kinge of the issues and pearcelpe  
profits arising of the sayd landes wpythoute  
waste. And if hee doe otherwise, then to  
make fine at the Kinges will, and to paye  
treble damages at the sute of the heire, as  
well within age, as of full age.

And yf he be wpythin age, hys freendes  
shall haue the sute for him, answerynge to  
the heire of that, yf shalbe so reconered of  
him. Concerning other landes sealed into  
the kings handes by inquest of offyce by  
the escheatores to the sayd ordinaunce, and  
punysshment shall holde place against the  
escheator. And if any make claime to land  
so beeing sealed, the Escheator shall re-  
turn an inquest into the Chancery wpyth-  
in



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any other. And by an other statute made the same yere. Cap. quinto, the Chauncellour, Treasurer of the Eschequer, takynge to them suche other of the counsaile as they shall thinke good, shall lease the vacations of Archbischoppicks, Bischoppicks, Abbeis, Priories, and other houses of religion, the auoisaunce wherof belong to the king, the Dean, & Chap. Prior, or Subprior, Priores, or Subpriores, & Couent at a certain rent to pay by the yere, quarter or moneth duringe the vacations, as they shall thinke best, without making fine. And neither the Escheator nor any other officer shall seeke cause or matter to enter or to medle, or do any thinge in a prejudice of the Church. Saving to the kinge & his heirs, knights fees, adoulsous, Escheats wardes, marriages, reliefs, and seruices, to the said fees belonging. In witness whereof the king caused his letters patentes to be made thereof, dated at West. the 8. day of Aprill. The yere aboue mencioned whereby it appeareth, that the auctorite aforesayd to make leases was geuen to the Chauncellour & the Treasurer by the kings letters patentes. Sec. Anno. 47. Edwardi 3. Cap. 6.

The escheators & other the kings ministers  
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